

Training Events Listing

March Trainings



March							
Date	Time	Location <i>Face to Face Trainings Noted in Purple</i>		Title	Trainer	Fee	Registration Deadline
Monday, March 3, 2025	6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online Webinar		Talking to Parents When You Have Concerns: Supporting Family Child Care	Marquita Myles, 4-C Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant	Fee: Non 4-C Members: \$10, 4-C Members: Free	Monday, February 24, 2025
Wednesday, March 19, 2025	6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online Webinar		An Introduction to Contracts and Policies for Family Child Care	Maggie Fern, 4-C Recruitment, Retention, Referral, and Outreach Specialist	Fee: Non 4-C Members: \$10, 4-C Members: Free	Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Thursday, March 20, 2025	6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Online Webinar		Importance of the Environment in the Development of Children	Marquita Myles, 4-C Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant	Fee: Non 4-C Members: \$10, 4-C Members: Free	Thursday, March 13, 2025
Monday, March 24, 2025	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Online Webinar		Supporting Infant/Toddler Language & Literacy Development	Cheryl Joseph, Professor, Oakton Community College	Fee: Non 4-C Members: \$10, 4-C Members: Free	Monday, March 17, 2025

Better Together Learning Initiative

Date	Time	Location <i>Face to Face Trainings Noted in Purple</i>	Trainer	Fee	Registration Deadline
Saturday, March 8, 2025	9:00 am-11:00 am	University Center, Woodstock	Cheryl Joseph, Professor, Oakton Community College	Free Training Series	Monday, February 10, 2025
Saturday, March 29, 2025	9:00 am-11:00 am	Online Webinar			
Saturday, April 26, 2025	9:00 am-11:00 am	Online Webinar			
Saturday, May 17, 2025	9:00 am-11:00 am	University Center, Woodstock			

Better Together Learning Collaboratives bring together Leadership Teams from various ECE programs to learn about healthy habits in ECE settings while sharing experiences with each other and implementing new strategies in their own programs. The Learning Collaborative framework includes Learning Sessions (noted on the table), followed by Action Periods where the Leadership Team uses the Go NAPSACC 5-step Improvement Process to assess current program practices, educate fellow staff and lead staff through a process of change to increase healthy habits.

Registrants are a TEAM from the Center (administrator and 1 support staff) or the FCC owner and 1 support staff (if you have). Must be an administrator/ FCC Owner and designated support staff; individuals cannot register/attend. Contact Ann (annw@four-c.org) or Jen (Jennifers@four-c.org) to register or for questions

An Introduction to Contracts & Policies for Family Child Care

Contracts and policies can be two of the most important documents to have in a program. Family child care providers who enforce well written contracts and policies may find they are able to eliminate potential conflicts with parents. This informative training will be a stepping stone for family child care providers looking to start or improve their contracts and policies.

Audience: Family Child Care Providers

Level of Learning: Introductory

Importance of the Environment in the Development of Children

It is the nature of children to interact with their environment, but the quality of those interactions depends on the opportunities for engagement offered by the environment. The ability of a child to interact with their environment directly impacts their development. Through their interaction with events and materials outside themselves, children develop an understanding of themselves. This training will allow participants to reflect on their classroom environment while working purposefully to change and find opportunities to create an environment that supports all children.

Audience: All Providers

Level of Learning: Introductory

Supporting Infant/Toddler Language & Literacy Development

This workshop will provide early childhood educators with practical strategies to support developmentally appropriate language and literacy development for infants and toddlers. Participants will explore ways to encourage communication, vocabulary growth, and early literacy skills through play, responsive interactions, and engaging activities. The session will focus on creating a nurturing environment that fosters language acquisition, ensuring teachers can support each child's unique developmental needs.

Audience: All Providers Caring for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos

Level of Learning: Introductory

Talking to Parents When You Have Concerns: Supporting Family Child Care

The goal of teachers is to establish partnerships with parents to support the learning of their students. In the Family Home Child Care environment, this communication brings unique challenges. Building a sense of community between a child's home and the Child Care Home requires strong communication. The ability to communicate effectively with parents must be constantly developed and expanded by the Family Home professional in these changing times. To help the Family Home Professional build the foundation for working collaboratively with their students, a variety of communication opportunities are presented in this training

Audience: Family Child Care Providers

Level of Learning: Introductory



CPR/First Aid Trainings



Training fee is waived for providers caring for families in Carroll, DeKalb, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, or Whiteside counties. Reimbursement is available for providers taking CPR/First Aid outside of 4-C. See guidelines on the training calendar page of our website.

To register, providers are required to have a current 4-C membership.

All CPR/First Aid Trainings offered by 4-C qualify for both CCAP Health and Safety Training Hours and CCAP Health and Safety Orientation

Date	Location	Time	Trainer	Registration Deadline
Saturday, March 1, 2025	McHenry County Mental Health Board 620 Dakota St, Crystal Lake	8:30 am-12:30 pm	Annie Johnson, Assistant Director, The Growing Place	Monday, February 22, 2025
Wednesday, March 12, 2025	Northern Illinois University Child Development and Family Center 220 Annie Glidden Rd, DeKalb	6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Amy Lofthouse, Associate Director, Northern Illinois University Child Development and Family Center	Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Saturday, March 15, 2025	Loveland Community House, 513 W 2 nd St, Dixon	8:30 am-12:30 pm	Maria Lombardo, Director, Kishwaukee College Early Learning Center	Monday, February 22, 2025